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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER



A student waits to see parents for the first time in two years.

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What do you do with a dead elephant?

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Adviser given new contract

Mabry blames earlier decision on lack of communication

by Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

In a shocking move, the University administration did an about face Friday and offered *The Patriot* adviser another employment contract.

Officials announced at an April 12 Faculty Senate meeting that Vanessa Curry, the newspaper's adviser and a journalism lecturer, would no longer be employed by the University when her one-year contract expires on May 31.

Before today's announcement, Curry said she considered taking legal action against the University because officials refused to communicate with her about the non-renewal.

"I'm confident that the future of the student newspaper is safe, and I'll be able to advise the students without fear of reprisals," Curry said.

Curry, a staff member for three years, alleged that administrators

"I think this is a win-win situation for the students and the school."

— VANESSA CURRY
PATRIOT ADVISER

did not renew her contract because *The Patriot* was too aggressive in its reporting.

Administrators, however, maintained that the newspaper's content was not a factor in their decision.

The original decision was due to a "lack of communication and inaccurate information," according to a press release.

Curry's non-renewal drew attention from many organizations and individuals who wrote letters of concern to President Rodney H. Mabry and members of the University of Texas Board of Regents.

The Society of Professional Journalists, a national organization whose mission is to protect the rights of professional journalists

force to visit campus on Wednesday to investigate events leading up to Curry's non-renewal.

"There is abundant evidence, albeit circumstantial that she was sacked because the paper was aggressive," Al Cross, SPJ president and political writer and columnist for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal, said. "And even if there were other reasons, the administration should have tried to work out things rather than sending the message that students who question the administration are subject to retribution."

Jim Highland, the organization's vice president for campus chapter affairs, said the task force's visit was not needed now since Curry's job has been reinstat-

The Department of Communication wrote a letter to Mabry on April 29 expressing their concern and asking that Curry's contract be renewed.

"In the three years that Ms. Curry has been with the department, the newspaper has steadily improved in both content and appearance," according to the letter. "In addition, she has adapted well to the classroom and is highly regarded as a teacher."

The faculty said they are pleased about Curry's new contract.

"I think she has a lot to offer the University," Dr. Kenneth Casstevens, chairman of the department, said. "I think the administration has shown good faith in trying to solve this problem."

On April 17 the president of the Southwest Education Council for Journalism and Mass Communication wrote a letter to Mabry expressing the group's concerns that Curry's contract was not renewed in retaliation for aggressive reporting by the student newspaper.

Publication policy agreement reached

by Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

President Rodney H. Mabry and the Patriot editor met on Tuesday and agreed upon a broad outline for the new student publication policy that would include a media advisory board made up of students, faculty and two professional journalists.

The revisions must be approved by the University of Texas System before they are final, Mabry said.

The policy that sparked a state-wide debate last month is now one step closer to the revision that Mabry promised students at a Faculty Senate meeting on April 12.

Mark Goodman, the executive director of the Student Press Law Center and a First Amendment expert, said he believes the initial policy released in March gives administrators control of *The Patriot* and other student publications.

The current policy is in Section II of the recently released Handbook of Operating Procedures.

The policy includes a Publication Administrative Council made up of the four University vice presidents and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The previous handbook, published in 1993, also allowed for a publication board made up of the University vice presidents, but it has never been used since that time.

According to the handbook, the council has the authority to annually appoint a faculty or staff adviser, student editor and other student workers.

The council also may take disciplinary action against appointees and determine compensation for each appointee.

Goodman and other attorneys at the SPLC, an agency that offers free legal advice to student media, said the policy as it was written violates the First Amendment by "stacking" the publication board and giving the board the authority to determine policies and "character" of the publication.

Favored teacher not renewed; bid for tenure unsuccessful

by Robert Boggs
Staff writer

After seven years of teaching and four Outstanding Faculty Member awards in psychology, Dr. Carol Grothues will say goodbye to the University this month.

Grothues received her most recent award at an April 13 banquet for the Association of Psychology Students and Psi Chi.



CAROL
GROTHUES

Grothues was hired in 1995 as a tenure-track faculty member and applied for tenure last year. She said she was advised by Mil Clark, the dean of the College of Education and Psychology, to

withdraw her application because she was deficient in published research material.

Instead, she was hired on a one-year contract and assumed the title "lecturer" for the fall semester, she said.

Grothues said Clark led her to believe she could reapply for tenure this year, but she learned

that she would not be considered as a candidate.

She said she believed Clark offered her the arrangement to give additional time for her research submitted for publication to be released.

Clark opted not to discuss Grothues' situation specifically, citing it as a personnel issue, but said there were four areas in which applicants for tenure were judged: teaching ability, research leading to publication, service to the University or profession and collegiality.

Collegiality is defined in the Handbook of Operating Procedures to be the ability to work together with the department and other faculty members and "a high standard of professional integrity in dealing with colleagues and students on a professional and personal level."

A deficiency in any of these areas could prompt a recommendation for tenure to be denied, but "these are the exceptions," Clark said.

Because recommendations are made at several different levels, there are sometimes disagreements

on recommendations, he said.

"What you have to recognize is there are checks and balances built into this and you're going to get differing opinions," Clark said.

Grothues said she may go into private psychology practice after her contract expires May 31.

She is among four other contract lecturers who will not have their contracts renewed for the fall, according to information issued by Dr. David O'Keeffe, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

According to the Handbook of Operating Procedures, the responsibility to recommend part-time faculty members for reappointment rests initially with the department chairs, but recommendations are also given at the college level and by the provost. The president makes the final decision for recommendations to the University of Texas Board of Regents.

Most universities try to employ as few contract employees as possible in favor of full-time, tenure-track faculty members, Clark said.

The University employed 47 lecturers and senior lecturers this semester, O'Keeffe said in a letter May 1.

Who's Who slate announced

by Hannah Buchanan
Staff writer

Thirty-five University students are among many across the nation to make the Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities list this year.

"This is an increase from recent years," student development specialist Shaune Martinez said.

Students receiving this honor are: Sandra Arthur, Starla Bickerstaff, Terri L. Dickson, Brett Dyer, Shana England, Rhiannon Gage, Matthew Gifford, Aimee Griffy, Kathryn Haar, Alison

Halbert, Shelly Hamrick, Robyn Johnson, Toni R. Johnson, Jennifer Jolley, Joshua D. Jones, Amanda Kimball.

Others are: Amber Lee, Shannon Mathis, Wendy Mays, Sara McCaslin, Sami Moses, Chidi Onyi, Beverley Pearson, Jeffery Pilette, Eleanor E. Powell, Angela Roe and Kara Roos.

Amanda S. Ryan, Laura Sanders, Tressie Seegers, Samantha Shallcross, Elizabeth Shoemaker, Vicki Stokes, Melissa Tresner and Amanda Wray also were chosen to receive the

national recognition of Who's Who.

Faculty and students nominate the potential candidates. Afterward, the nominated students fill out an information form.

"The Student Affairs Committee then goes through the forms and sends the school entries to Who's Who based on a certain criteria," Martinez said.

Such guidelines and criteria include participating and leading in academic and extracurricular activities and carrying a certain work load and GPA.

Hit or miss?



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

I CAN MAKE IT: Beth Fitzgerald, left, and Charlotte Chambers, right, play putt putt last week during Employee Appreciation Week.

*The Patriot wishes everyone a great summer.
Congratulations graduates.*

EDITORIAL

The law is the law. Right?

The University's compliance office should understand such a simple principle.

However, their recent actions suggest they have no clue about the law of public information.

Officials refused to release this week's incident reports from the University police department, claiming they were unsure what information could be withheld.

So, *The Patriot* was unable to publish the reports in this, the last issue of the semester.

President Rodney H. Mabry said at a Faculty Senate meeting last month the University had complied with every open records request it had received.

The compliance office just tarnished that record.

Mary Blackmon, the compliance officer, said she sent the documents to a University of Texas System attorney for review because there was a question about whether student apartment numbers could be released.

Over the last year, *The Patriot* has asked police officials and three separate compliance officers to review the situation and devise a policy for releasing the proper information.

All attempts were ignored.

The Patriot then filed an informal complaint with the Texas Attorney General's office last month after receiving reports with names and addresses of victims, reporting persons and witnesses blacked out.

The AG sided with *The Patriot* and wrote a letter to the compliance office telling them to release the information.

But the compliance office been less than compliant.

If they truly wanted to resolve the conflict, they would heed the AG's warning.

After all, the AG governs the Public Information Act. They, not UT attorneys, have the authority to decide what can or cannot be withheld.

By law, the office has 10 days to either fulfill *The Patriot's* request or give notice that they are claiming an exemption of the Public Information Act.

This is the first time the office has hidden behind the 10-day rule.

Why now, when the future of the newspaper is uncertain?

The adviser and the editor have not been chosen for next year, and the controversial policy that gives administration control of the paper has yet to be officially amended.

The issue of the police reports should have been resolved months ago, so the future editors of *The Patriot* could do their jobs of serving as the campus' public watchdog.

It appears that the next Patriot staff will have many challenges.

CAMPUS VOICE

"Do you think that we should have a



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: For the first time this semester, due to space concerns, we were unable to print all letters to the editor we received for this issue. Our last editorial pages included four letters offering support of The Patriot staff and our stance on the HOP issue. While we appreciate the support of students, alumni, and members of the community in this matter, we are purposefully printing only the letters we received regarding other viewpoints or topics in this issue.

I have been following the HOP story for the past several issues and I am infuriated by the newspaper's lack of professionalism and ownership of previous mistakes.

I have witnessed the workings of this newspaper firsthand and am well aware of the lack of truth in the

pertinent facts that would hinder it.

Apparently, *The Patriot* uses the paper as a way to wield power on campus.

Any issue that personally concerns *The Patriot* monopolizes the entire issue for months while other worthwhile topics are ignored.

Campus newspapers enhance any university.

It is their job to report news whether it is good or bad, but it is also their job to pen articles that are truthful and objective.

This is probably why the administration has chosen to oversee the paper - not to limit the scope of the articles, but to ensure they are accurate and fair.

The Patriot clearly needs a system of checks and balances to keep it accurate.

If anything the administration

I have been a student here since the fall of 2000.

I will receive a bachelor of applied arts and science degree in May and plan to return for my master's degree.

The thing that is unique about my experience here and the degree I am going to receive, is the fact that I have had only two classes on campus.

I have participated in telecourses from the University at the Mexia State School.

This program has been great, and has enabled me to continue to work full-time while also pursuing my education full-time.

I am very thankful for the program, and hope that it can grow and expand to other areas.

Although the experience with this

I felt somewhat isolated. The technology allows all the sites to use a variety of tools, including overheads, PowerPoint presentation, real-time voice and visual communication, and faxes.

In order to maximize the experience for the student, the teacher must understand the technology.

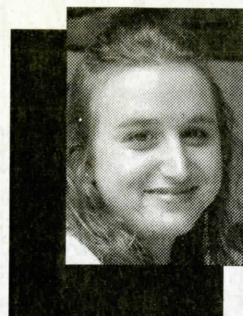
Dr. Dobbs and Dr. Gilbreth were two of my instructors who used the technology to enhance their classrooms and really get the off-campus sites involved.

Unfortunately there were too few instructors like them.

I urge UT Tyler to continue this wonderful program, but also to take the necessary steps to train teachers to maximize their impact in distance learning.

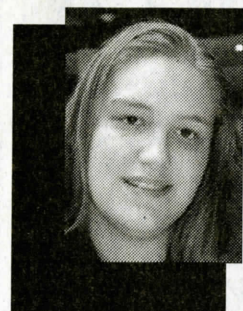
What good is a degree in education if you don't understand how to communicate with your student?

dead day or dead week before finals?



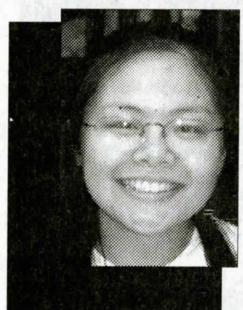
"I am an education major, and since we are doing field work it wouldn't affect us anyway."

Cathy Hood, junior, education



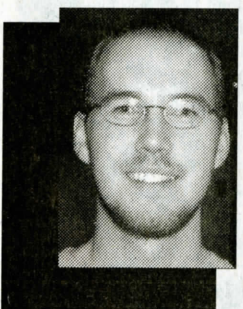
"I believe we should have a dead week, but a week where class is optional and we have a teacher-led study group for the final"

Hollie Carter, freshman, music



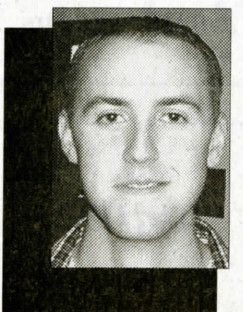
"I think we should have a dead day. If we had a dead week people would probably put things off until the last minute."

Audrey Wong, junior, art



"There should be at least a dead day, with no classes on Monday. That way we are free a day before finals."

Robert Ballard, senior, computer science



"It would be nice to have a day to clear your mind before finals, but not a dead week. That would just make the semester longer."

Shaun Halberstadt, senior, computer information systems

articles.

Due to my own experience, I know that what your staff refers to as an interview is usually two questions unrelated to the story at hand.

I am also aware that this newspaper frequently misquotes individuals and twists facts around to advance its side of the story while omitting

proposed violates the First Amendment, I am sure it was unintentional and that they are willing to change it.

The newspaper needs to grow up and start handling issues professionally and maturely.

*Aimee Griffy
Senior*

Students feel the heat of upcoming exams



**WHAT I
HAVE TO
SAY...**

**WILL
JOHNSON**

"...the heat is on, it's on the streets..."

Though the official season arrives two months hence, the spiking thermometers announce the early summer we've grown accustomed to in East Texas.

And as the semester draws to a close, classrooms around campus are heating up as well.

A week out, moans and groans about the upcoming marathon that is finals week echo throughout the buildings.

Okay, okay, finals won't ever top the charts as anyone's favorite time of year.

Unfortunately, they come as part of the package with college. That said, how might you deal effectively?

"Perhaps we'd better start at the beginning."

All that stuff about taking notes, reading along, participating in class, we know that already.

Going in, grab hold of yourself and remember that the time for procrastination has passed.

"Have it your way" and "We love to see you smile" are advertising slogans, not career goals."

Attend all your wrap-up classes before final - any teacher-led review will probably hit closer than guessing your way through weeks of random notes or seeking advice from those who may be as lost as you.

Assemble needed materials; have

everything you need in one place. The last minute is a bad time to lack something essential.

Begin studying the week before the big test, especially if you haven't kept pace with the class. If you lock down the basics of any subject, advanced concepts will come more easily than digesting.

Know how you learn best.

For some, study groups really help, but that doesn't mean they'll work for everyone.

The right material enhanced by a slick combination of learning aids could be your key.

An honest evaluation of how you're doing in class and how you can expect to do on the final, under ordinary circumstances, is crucial.

People often go awry when they set unrealistic goals for themselves.

The ultimate goal is always to do your best.

If a difficult class hasn't gone

Technology is advancing not only in industry but also in classrooms.

I hope this will continue, so that others will have the same opportunities that I have had.

*Matthew Hall
Mexia*

well during the semester, perhaps knuckling under and passing it is a worthy goal.

For more help, new math and writing lab serve to aid students struggling in disciplines dependent on those respective skills.

In addition, some department offices offer the names of private (read: for hire) tutors proficient in various subjects.

And no matter what, don't lose your mind to stress.

We all want to do well and have a bright, prosperous future.

Driving yourself to drink will not help.

Should you find yourself on the verge of a nervous breakdown, the counselors in student services can help.

"Keep your wits about you captain..."

*Will Johnson has been honored as
The Patriot's columnist of the year.*

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The Patriot is a student publication that provides information, commentary and entertainment for the University of Texas at Tyler community. Editorial statements and advertisements do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the UTT administration.

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The Patriot is designed to inform, entertain, educate and heighten awareness of students, faculty and administrators at the University of Texas at Tyler. Staff members will be responsible journalists by maintaining high ethical standards with fairness, accuracy and balance. *The Patriot* encourages and provides an avenue for free flow of student expressions and opinions. The newspaper also will serve as a learning tool for students to gain experience in all aspects of the print media.

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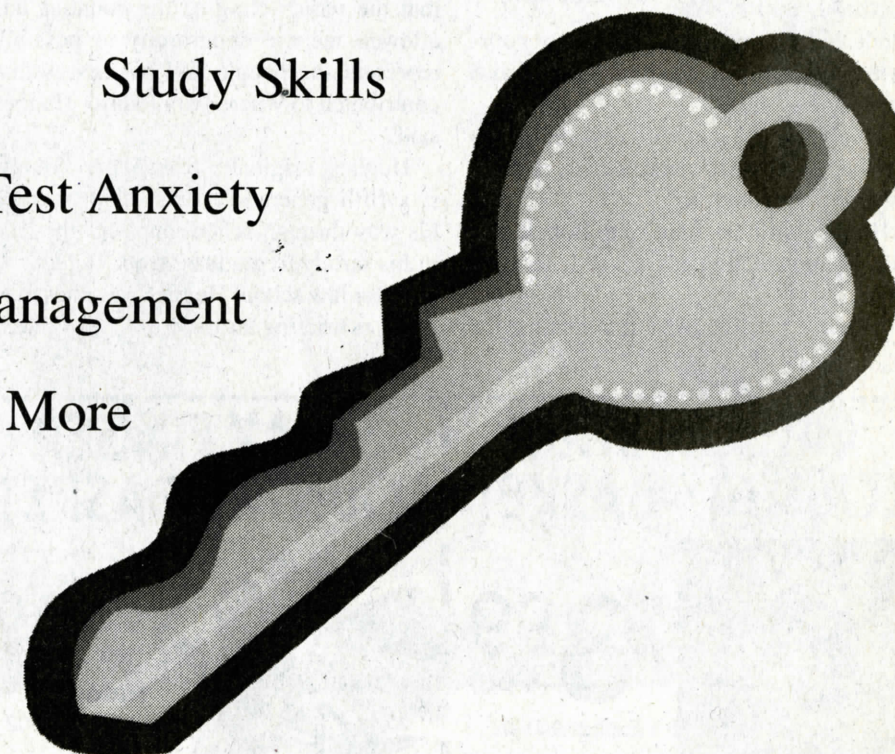
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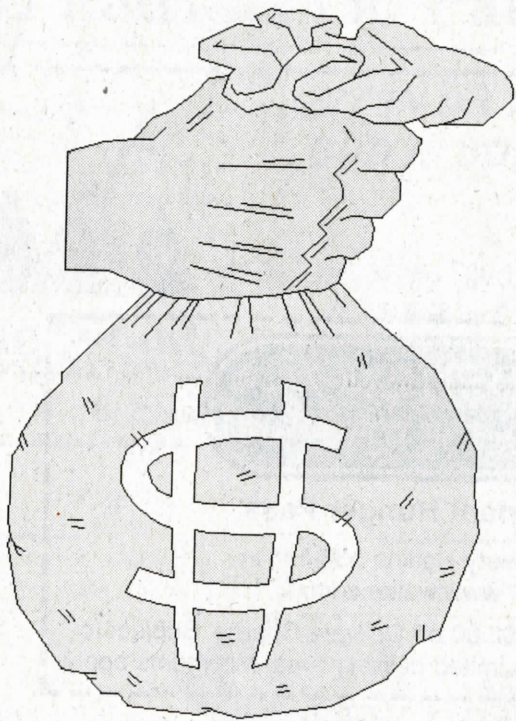
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Graduate makes bid for House

by Jannia McClure
Staff writer

The University may soon have one of its own in the Texas House of Representatives.

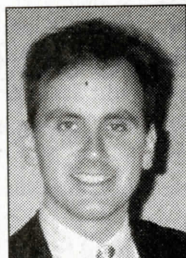
Bryan Hughes, a Mineola native and UTT graduate is the Republican nominee for the house seat in the newly redrawn district five.

The district five seat which used to represent Northern Smith, Van Zandt and Upsher counties is now composed of Wood, Upsher, Camp and Harrison counties.

Hughes hopes that with new redistricting there will also come a new attitude toward representation.

Hughes will be opposing Bob Glaze who is approaching his seventh term in office.

"This is a new district and it's time for



BRYAN
HUGHES

new representation. I have always been interested in public service and the new district five provides an opportunity for me to step forward," Hughes said.

Hughes contributes much of his success to the people of East Texas and the faculty of UTT and Baylor Law School.

Hughes graduated in 1992 from UTT with a BBA in economics and then went on to Baylor University School of Law graduating in 1995 with his Juris Doctor degree.

"UT Tyler prepared me well for Law school and Law practice and I am excited that the redistricting of the counties has allowed me the opportunity to possibly represent the people and businesses that contributed to where I am today," Hughes said.

Hughes, originally from Wood county, is a fifth generation Texan who worked his way through school and was the first of his family to graduate from college.

After law school Hughes was chosen to serve as briefing attorney to United States

District Judge William M. Steger of Tyler and after two years went on to practice with Franklin Jones and Mike Miller in Marshall.

Hughes then moved to the Henderson firm of Welborn and Houston and worked alongside Paul Sadler for three years.

Hughes now practices law in his hometown of Mineola, where he continues to help working families and small businesses.

Hughes is an active member of Golden Bible Chapel where he serves as an elder, is a member of the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce of Mineola a Life member of the NRA.

He is also a member of the Stewards Foundation Board of trustees, a nonprofit organization that aids in church building projects and health care assistance for Christian workers

The up-coming election is November 5th 2002.

For more information on Bryan Hughes contact www.bryanhughes.com



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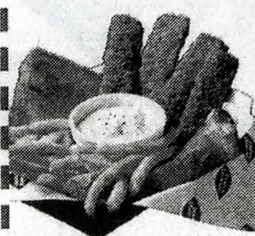
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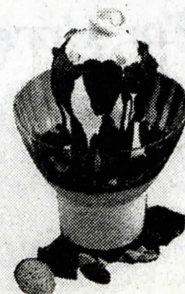
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Owings named running coach

Soccer team meetings called for May 7 at University Center

Finding an experienced coach for the University's cross-country team didn't appear too difficult for officials whose search ended on their own campus.

Matt Owings, a lecturer in the Department of Health and Kinesiology, has been hired to lead the University's first-ever cross-country teams for both men and women.

Owings has been a runner for nearly 20 years, having run in 11 marathons.

He also has trained adult runners and assisted in instructing an adult marathon-training program.

The new coach is considering a summer running program for

prospective participants, although regular training will begin this fall.

Owings holds a master of science degree in kinesiology from the University and a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist and is certified in post-rehabilitation exercise.

Any student interested in trying out for a team may contact Owings at 566-5615.

SOCCER

Men's and women's soccer also will make their debut on campus this fall.

University officials hired two

soccer coaches earlier this year.

Kenneth Jones, a former soccer coach at the University of Dallas, will coach the men and Jodi Lovell from McMurry University will coach the women.

Students who are interested in participating in a soccer team can speak with Coach Jones or Coach Lovell from 3-5 p.m. May 7 in University Center Room 118.

"This is for anyone who is interested," Lovell said. "We want to get the word out and let all students know."

The men's team will meet from 3-4 p.m. and the women's team will meet from 4-5 p.m.

University sponsors netter day camp

The University will sponsor patriot Tennis day camps for children ages 9-17 in June and July.

The five-day camps will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 3-7, June 10-14, June 17-21, July 8-12 and July 10-14 at UT Tyler.

Levels of training will include: Orange Level for beginners, Junior Patriot for intermediate players and Patriot Training for tournament players.

The camp curriculum will consist of many components besides tennis, including building friendships and learning life skills such as fair play, respect, hard work and

patience.

"We believe that learning tennis at camp can be a fun and enjoyable experience," Ken Olivier, head tennis coach, said. "Although this is a tennis camp, we will participate in other fun-filled activities throughout the week including soccer, Frisbee football, arts and crafts, video games, strategy sessions, fitness and nutrition training, stretching, water games and more. One day we will eat lunch at the lake and a few of us may go fishing."

The instructor/camper ratio will average one instructor for every

five campers.

Lunch will be catered daily by Subway with a variety of sandwiches from which campers can choose. Lunchtime will include fun, educational talks about nutrition and the importance of exercise.

The camp fee will be \$150, which includes lunch. Families with more than one child attending will receive a 10 percent discount per child. UT Tyler faculty and staff can receive a 20 percent discount.

For more information call Olivier at (903) 566-7499.

Students, faculty play for fun, bragging rights

Students and faculty participated in the Patriot Days intramural bowling tournament held at Green Acres Bowling Alley on April 19.

The results of the bowling tournament are as follows:

First Place:

(Business Building)

Third Place:

(School of Nursing)

Israel Diaz

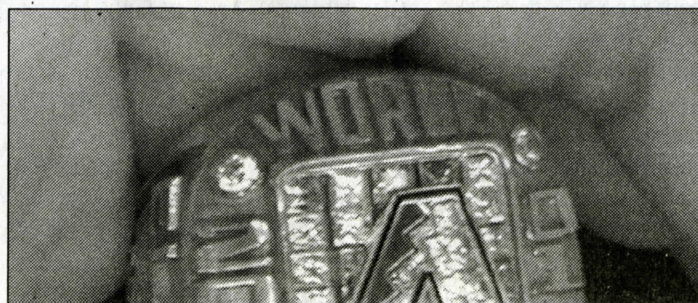
Judy Harrell

Aaron Ellis

Andrew Allbright

Julie Tatham

Boy's best friend



Pingpong pop



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

BACKHAND: Wing-On Koo, a junior computer science major, gives it his all in a friendly game of table tennis April 23 during the Employee Appreciation Week.

Golf qualifying rounds set for Tyler, Longview

The Patriot Million Dollar Hole-in-One contest, organized by the Patriots organization, begins Saturday, May 11 at golf courses in Tyler and Longview.

All proceeds of the competition will benefit University scholarship programs. The contest offers ama-

Qualifying rounds will be held in Tyler from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. May 11, 13-17.

On May 12 the rounds will be held from 2-7 p.m. and on May 18 from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Companion qualifying rounds will be offered in Longview 10

(Business Building)
Marilyn Young
Amanda Shaw
Jay Butler
Mark Shaw
Jed Sitar
Ryan Watson

Second Place:
(HKPE dept.)

Keith Bostic
Molly Walker
Jennifer Miller
Michelle Munn
Vicki Stokes

UT representatives also participated in the "Net Sweep" Tyler Corporate challenge sponsored by the City of Tyler Parks and Recreation April 26:

Tennis

1st Place: Ken Olivier and Bryan Whitt

Alternate: Mark Wilson

Table Tennis

First Place: Dr. Herb Epstein and Joanne Buendtner

Bowling

participant: John Mullenax



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER: Robert Ellis, pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks and husband to University student, Jodi Ellis, has life-long memories and this ring as tokens of his part in the 2001 World Series.

teur golfers, ages 18 and up, a chance to compete in the preliminary daily rounds held through May 18.

Those who drive closest to the hole or hit a hole in one will be eligible to participate in the final round at the Hollytree Country Club May 19.

The daily qualifying rounds will be held in Tyler just south of the Sheraton Hotel on Broadway.

A simultaneous contest will be played at the corner of Spur 63t in Longview.

a.m.-7 p.m. May 11, 14-17 and 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 18.

The contest will feature a Ladies Special event May 13 with country singer, Naomi Judd, as special guest for the "Tea at the tee".

The young golfers will also have a chance to participate in the Youth Putting Contest from 4-7 p.m. from May 11-18.

There will also be a Seniors Event, for golfers over 65 on May 19.

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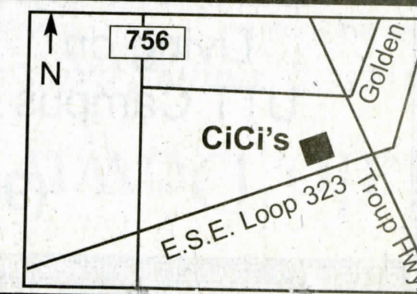
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Halo Down shakes up Elmo's

University student plays in band during local bar performance

by Shalina Ramirez
Staff writer

When I was first approached with the idea of venturing to a local bar to write a review about gothic band Halo Down, I was skeptical, to say the least. Why would I want to waste a Friday night watching a bunch of guys dressed in black scream into a microphone on a makeshift stage?

After several hours of deliberation and begging by the entertainment editor I accepted the assignment, thinking it would be just another excuse to drink, party and hang with friends.

I was wrong.

Much to my surprise, Halo Down turned out not to be another average, garage punk band.

From the moment they took the stage at Elmo's in Tyler on April 19, Halo Down wowed 50-or-so spectators for about an hour with 13 songs, most of which will be featured on their upcoming album tentatively titled "Little Words."

Members of Halo Down band include lead vocalist John Whittaker, Randy Ringwater on drums, bass guitarist Wolf Madore and University student Chris Bannon on electric guitar.

The band's performance, which featured songs such as "Fallen" and "Clock Tower," was more of a cross between gothic and mainstream heavy metal.

I would definitely consider Halo Down one of the more aggressive punk ethos in this area.

Their song "Straight Jacket," one of my favorites, featured strong lyrics about poison pills, padded rooms and a mental prison.

Other highlights of the evening included Whittaker's dedication of Halo Down's "Scarred" to his %^\$*#^@ ex-wife and the band's obvious distaste for the oh-so-popular group Sublime.

The only bad thing about the show was the audience member who formed an immediate attraction to a pole in the middle of the

dance floor and had to show his affection by performing some sort of freakish mating dance.

At first, by the motion of his arm movements, it looked like he was swatting flies, but his "how low can you go techniques" gave the impression he was auditioning for amateur night at Baby Dolls.

Needless to say, most of my attention, and that of half the crowd, wasn't on the band during their first few songs.

But thanks to the aid of three female fans, the love-struck dancing machine was tackled and ushered back to his seat.

The atmosphere at Elmo's took some time getting used to, but the patrons, mostly clad in black with multiple piercings, turned out to be a friendly bunch who knew good music when they heard it.

Those interested in partying with the aggressive punk ethos will get their chance at the group's next performance on May 18 at Elmo's.



—courtesy photo

ROCK ON: Members of the gothic band Halo Down pose for a group photo at Elmo's in Tyler on April 19. They are, from left to right, drummer Randy Ringwater, bass guitarist Wolf Madore, lead singer John Whittaker and electric guitarist Chris Bannon. The group is currently working on a 14-song demo and will be performing at Elmo's June 8 and 9.



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

LOUDER THAN WORDS: Poet P. Adrienne Pamplin, speaker at the Poetry Month awards reception, listens to the contest

Winning poets honored at awards ceremony

by Conchetta San Filippo
Staff writer

The first April Poetry Month Celebration concluded April 30 with an awards presentation and reception held in Room 202 of the Robert R. Muntz Library.

Awards were given to the winners of an online poetry contest organized by the library staff.

English major Charity Potter placed first with her poem, "Unpoem for You".

Senior English major Danny Stapleton took second place with his former creative writing assignment called "Currently," and fellow post-graduate English major Tamara Brown received third place with her "Untitled" poem.

Winning poets, along with honorable mention winner Jeff



POTTER

poet and storyteller Anne McCrady, creative writing professor Peter Hoheisel and writer P. Adrienne Pamplin.

The speakers read some of their personal favorites and gave advice to aspiring student poets.

Anne McCrady, the first guest speaker, read from a variety of poems such as selections on childhood like "The Dare" and alternative poems like "Nurse's Aid".

Kachinsky, read their poems out loud to a small assembly of teachers, library faculty and students.

The service also included guest speakers:

"It's worth all the rejection slips," McCrady said of her countless rejection letters when first starting out as a full-time writer.

Hoheisel was present but had substitute Rick Phillips read select poems like "The Widow", from Hoheisel's current book, "North to Superior and Other Poems."

Future University student and reception speaker Pamplin also included her bits of wisdom in her addresses to the crowd.

"I let each poem choose its own form...My poems are my children, the pieces of my heart, and gifts from God. Not to be taken lightly," Pamplin said.

Pamplin also read from her publication "Empty Purses of Longing."

The winner received her choice

of a book of American Poetry or a portrait of Langston Hughes signed by the artist.

First place also received a metal star and a blue ribbon.

Second and third place received honorary mementos for their participation in the contest.

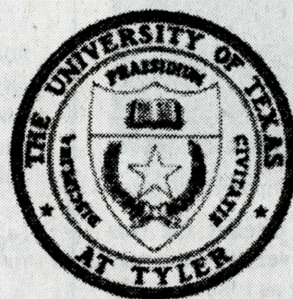
Most of the speakers were members of the Rusk Poetical Society that encompasses several surrounding counties, including Smith.

Joanne Buchtner, head of circulation at Robert R. Muntz Library, coordinated the month's events, which included the online poetry contest, a faculty reading and an open microphone night held throughout the month.

"I think we can call it a success," Buchtner said.

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FAMILY TIES: Ilham and Meriem Elamouri (left to right) share an apartment in Tyler. Even though the sisters cannot be near the rest of their family in Morocco, they feel it is important that they stay close.

Family reunion

Homesick student awaits parents' arrival

by Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

One prospective graduate is looking forward to more than receiving her diploma next Saturday. She is looking forward to seeing her parents whom she has not seen in almost two years.

Meriem Elamouri is an international student from Morocco, and she said the cost of travel prevented her from visiting her parents the past two years.

Her parents will be watching her walk across the stage at the commencement to receive her diploma, however.

Meriem has lived in the United States for six years now to attend college and earn her bachelor's degree in marketing.

She said her parents supported her decision to attend school in the United States because they knew she would have more opportunities here.

She has been a student at the University since 1999. She trans-

ferred from Navarro College in Corsicana.

She said she chose to attend college in East Texas because she had friends here.

All three of the children in her family decided to attend college in the U.S.

Her older brother, Yassine, received his master's degree from Southwest Texas State University, and her younger sister, Ilham, attends Tyler Junior College.

Ilham and Meriem share an apartment in Tyler, which gives them some semblance of family life.

Meriem said she enjoys her independence, but she often gets homesick.

"It's hard. Sometimes you want somebody to talk to—for advice," she said. "We e-mail, but it's not the same."

She said expensive phone rates prevent her from talking to her family by telephone.

Meriem plans to stay in the U.S.

to work after graduation even though her student visa will expire.

She said she is looking for a company sponsorship that would allow her to stay in the country for one year while she works on gaining her citizenship. She said the U.S. has more job opportunities than her home country, and she believes it is easier for women to be promoted here.

"It costs so much to go to school here, it doesn't make sense to go back home to little pay," she said.

The cultural differences are noticeable, but not overwhelming, she said.

She does "get tired of this food" though. "Hamburgers all the time," she said.

Another noticeable difference is in the social atmosphere. In Morocco, she said coffee shops line the streets, and people sit and chat while drinking coffee.

"There's finally a Star Bucks here, and it's always empty," she said.

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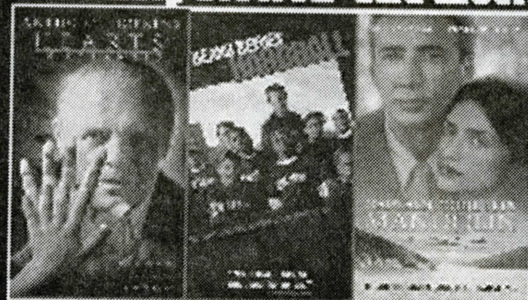
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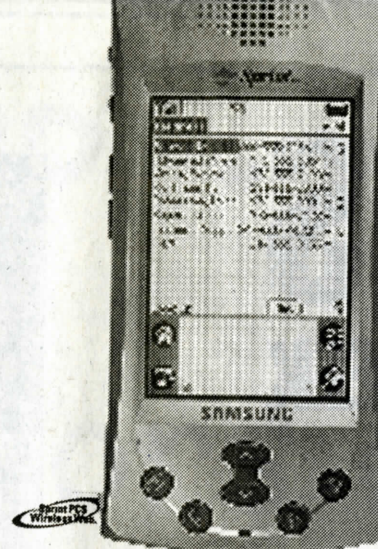


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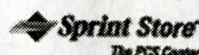
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Mabry insisted the policy was a "work in progress" open for revision and was not meant to censor students.

In April, he asked the Student Government Association and the Faculty Senate to make recommendations about changing the policy.

Goodman said the recommendation is legally sound.

"The proposed changes look like a big improvement," Goodman said. "I'm glad to see that the school has come around."

Mabry said he plans to seek additional input from professional journalists before forwarding the revisions to UT System for review.

"We have been working diligently to gather input and revise the Media Advisory Board policy," Mabry said.

The revision taken from faculty and student senators' suggestions includes an 11 member Media Advisory Board made up of:

- five students, one from each college either elected within each college or appointed by their respective deans (student members may not be members of the SGA or the publications staff)

- three faculty members, including one from the Department of Communication, and one at large, both appointed by the University president. The third faculty member will be appointed by the Faculty Senate

- two professional journalists, appointed by the University president

- dean of student affairs.

Serving as non-voting members will be *The Patriot* adviser and

editor, the literary magazine, *The Laurel's* adviser and the University's Director of News and Information, Mabry said.

The recommendation also includes provisions that specify the student editors "shall be free to develop their own editor policies and make their own judgments."

Furthermore, the revision does not allow the University nor the board to "ban a publication or sanction the editor solely because content is controversial, takes extreme 'fringe' or minority opinions or is distasteful."

Mabry said he expects "quick approval" from UT System on the changes.

The preliminary draft of the new student publications policy may be read at the UTT website: www.uttyl.edu.

RENEWAL

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"We applaud such journalism as necessary to a progressive, sound democracy and the search for truth that is fundamental to higher learning," Dr. Frederick R. Blevins, president of SWECJMC wrote.

Curry said she followed University procedures to file a grievance when she learned in February her contract would not be renewed.

She said she e-mailed Dr. David

O'Keeffe, provost and vice president for academic affairs, on several occasions and asked him to acknowledge his receipt of her grievance, but he never responded.

O'Keeffe said in a Dec. 6 e-mail to Mabry obtained by *The Patriot* through an open records request "Ms. Curry needs to move along for her good and that of the university."

In the future Mabry will review

her annual evaluations by her immediate supervisors, rather than rely on other sources to determine whether to renew her contracts, Curry said.

"I know it's hard for some people to believe, but I have thought all along once we were able to sit down and talk we could resolve this," she said. "I think this is a win-win situation for the students and the school."

Briefs

Alpha Chi elects officers

The Texas Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi met Friday to elect new officers for the new school year.

The new officers are: Lindsey Marshall, president; Frank Sullivan, vice president; Bill Patterson, treasurer; Margarita Collins, historian; and Dana Dudley, secretary.

Sponsors will be Suzi Pundt and assistant sponsors will be Melinda Hermanns and Jim Koukl.

Library sponsors Read-In

The Robert R. Muntz Library along with TLC Through Literacy, will sponsor an International Read-In for fourth graders from 9 a.m. to noon on May 16 in Room 401.

More than 350 East Texas students are expected to attend the annual event celebrating the integration of language arts and telecommunications in education.

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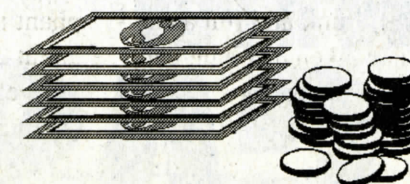
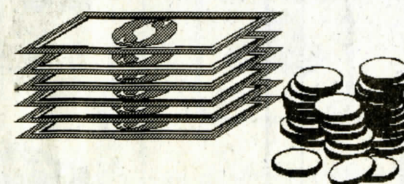
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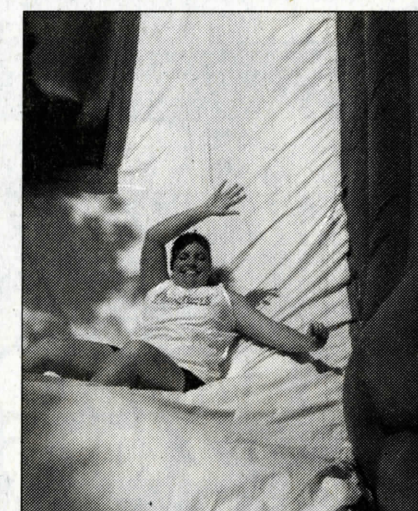
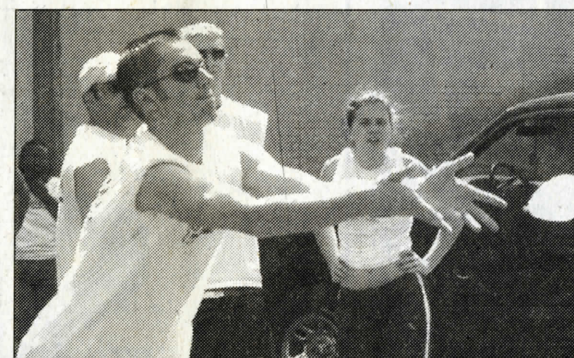
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Elephant bones

Disposing of a five ton body

by Shalina Ramirez
Staff writer

When a pet goldfish dies, it receives an aquatic ride down the toilet. When a beloved cat or dog passes away, a tear is shed and then the pet is laid to rest in a swallow under a favorite oak tree in the yard.

But what does one do with a five ton carcass of a deceased pachyderm?

Legend says that elephants near death separate from their herd and trek alone to ancestral graveyards, dying only when they reach these special places.

But what about an elephant who has spent most of its life in captivity?

Two months ago, zookeepers at Tyler's Caldwell Zoo discovered their only male African elephant on the floor of his pen with his back legs apparently paralyzed.

The animal later died from his illness.

Zookeepers buried the remains of the 24-year-old elephant, formally known as Chip, in an unmarked grave on the Caldwell Zoo grounds, which covers a 250 acre area, Scott Maddox, assistant director, said.

"Only 85 acres of the 250 acres surrounding the zoo are cultivated," Maddox said. "So we had a place to bury the elephant."

Chip had been a resident at the zoo since the age of six, more than 18 years ago.

Maddox said burying a pachyderm's remains was at the zoo administration's discretion, but would have been heavily regulated by the state if the animal had been suspected of contacting tuberculosis or another serious illness.

Zoo officials did not suspect anything of that nature in Chip's case, Maddox said.

Maddox said a tractor was used to move the elephant.

He said there was no sign of traumatic injury to the animal and a routine full necropsy - or animal autopsy - was performed on the elephant.

Maddox said that during a necropsy the animal is examined for abnormalities. Specimens also were taken for testing.

He said various tissue samples taken from Chip's body were sent to research faculties throughout the country including the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at College Station.

Maddox said after the completion of a necropsy, the body of the animal is no longer intact.

"We leave no stones unturned, so to speak," he said. "We take every opportunity to learn from the animal."

Maddox said although the cause of death is yet to be determined, the necropsy did rule out any diseases zoo personnel would consider dangerous to other animals.

"All of our other elephants are fine," Maddox said. "We have no reason to believe it was anything contagious."

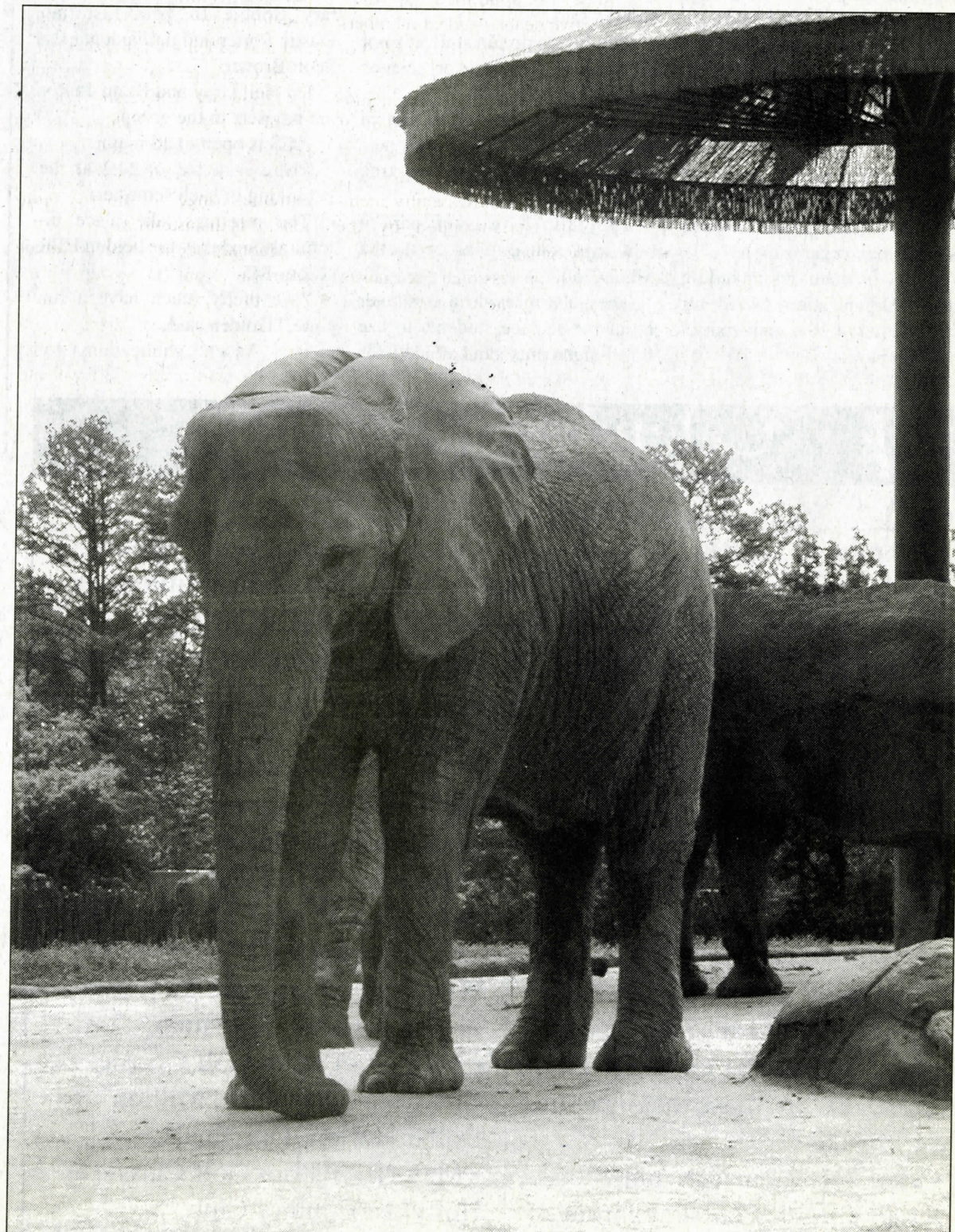
The zoo has four remaining female elephants.

Maddox said the zoo hopes to get another male elephant, but it will be no easy feat because there are few male African elephants in the United States.

African elephants are the largest living land mammals, and an adult elephant can weigh up to eight tons.

Full-grown pachyderms can consume 6 to 8 percent of their own body weight in vegetation each day and can spend as many as 18 hours per day feeding.

When healthy, an African elephant can live up to 65-70 years.

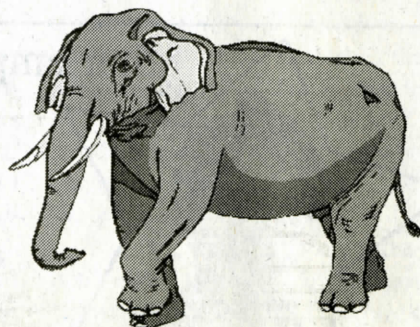


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1. Elephants love beer. They can get drunk and run away - and a drunken elephant can be VERY dangerous.

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5. When a baby elephant is born, it weighs about 200 pounds. So if your elephant looks like it might be pregnant - get someone strong to help



8. Treat your elephant very nicely. At the rate humans

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pounds, by the way - and it
can spray you with up to five
gallons of water at a time.

3. Get yourself a wheelbar-
row. An elephant eats 400 -
600 pounds of food EVERY
DAY.

4. Elephants go through six
sets of teeth in their lifetime,
and each tooth weighs
around nine pounds.

you with the delivery.

6. Elephants walk about four
miles an hour. Don't get
yours riled up. It can run at
25 miles per hour.

7. Check your elephant's
ears. If they're relatively
small and shaped like India -
it's an Indian elephant. If
they're big and shaped like
Africa - it's an African ele-
phant. All elephants are
proud of their roots.

are killing elephants- the
entire species will be extinct
only eight years from now.
So take good care of yours.

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please...Elephants are not
afraid of mice any more than
you or I would be. Yes, they
would be startled by them,
but elephants are not actually
afraid of mice.

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PACHYDERM PRIDE: A female African elephant basks in the sun at the Caldwell Zoo located at 2203 West Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in Tyler. The elephant is one of four female African elephants housed at the zoo. Zoo officials are looking for a male African elephant to replace Chip, a 24-year-old elephant who died of unknown causes two months ago.

—Shalina Ramirez/The Patriot

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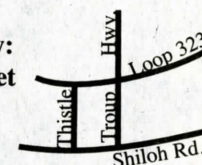
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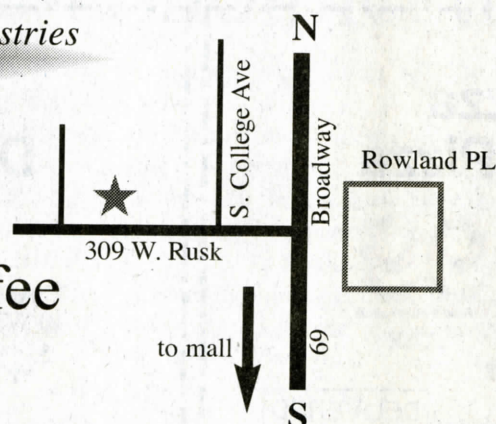
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Chemistry society promotes good will toward students

American Chemical Society is a student affiliated chapter organization that tries to promote interest in the subject of chemistry, president Honey Golden said.

"We do some things chemistry related," Golden said.

ACS has various types of speakers and seminars about chemistry.

They also attend trips to regional and national meetings.

The group also has won awards based on their organization.

"We won the Outstanding Student Organization Award for last semester at the university," Golden said.

ACS is involved in the annual picnic at the beginning of the fall semester for science-related faculty and students to get acquainted, Golden said.

"We like to do fun stuff, it's not necessarily chemistry or science related," Golden said.

The organization takes part in the Angel Tree drive, and performs magic shows for area schools.

They also have taken part in bowling competitions with the Math Club.

They also provide a computer room for science students to use for assignments, and sometimes

they tutor science students who need it.

Offices for the ACS include vice president Sean Butler, secretary Bobbie Jo Tew, historian Dustin Porter and parliamentarian Scott Brown.

Dr. Neil Gray and Brian Taylor are advisers to the group.

ACS is open to all majors.

There is a fee of \$10 at the beginning of each semester.

The meetings take place bi-monthly, and they are held in HPR Room 145.

"We pretty much have a fun time," Golden said.

Come and get it



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

CHOW LINE: Ginger Smith, right to left, Deborah Heren, Leanne Davis and Jan Harp take their places in the serving line during the Employee Appreciation Banquet April 26.

Calendar of Events

- May 2 - Music Coterie of Tyler Honor Recital. 10 a.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.
- May 2 - Theatre program Presents: Children's Theatre Workshop. Advanced reservations required. 10 a.m. at The Theatre.
- May 2 - Music Program Presents: Senior Voice Recital featuring Heather McLendon. 7:30 p.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.
- May 3 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the UC. Tickets are \$5 per person.
- May 6 - Regular class day for all classes except those that meet only on Mondays.
- May 7-11 - Final examinations for all classes - Tuesday through

- Saturday
- May 10 - Patriot Golf Classic: Cox Communications Million Dollar Hole-in-One in Tyler.
- May 11 - Spring commencement. 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Cowan Center.
- May 11 - Patriot Golf Classic: Cox Communications Million Dollar Hole-in-One in Longview.
- May 18 - Patriot Golf Classic: Texas "Shootout" Barbecue and Auction featuring "Asleep at the Wheel" at 6 p.m. Call (903) 566-7110 for more information.
- May 19 - Patriot Golf Classic: Cox Communications Million Dollar Hole-in-One finals.
- May 20 - Patriot Golf Classic at Hollytree Country Club.

Beta Gamma Sigma gains new members

The College of Business and Technology inducted 21 graduate and undergraduate students into the Beta Gamma Sigma National Business Honor Society on April 28 at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.

"Membership In Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest national recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate or master's program in business or management accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business," Dr. Cheryl Prachyl,

president of University of Texas at Tyler Beta Gamma Sigma chapter, said.

Students must rank in the upper 7 percent of the junior class, upper 10 percent of the senior class, or upper 20 percent of the graduating master's class to be eligible for membership.

Undergraduate inductees were: Tiffany Allen, Janie Cox, Claudia Donaho, Rose Ellis, Yuriko Gravitt, Richard Henzell, Jackie Kendrick, Matthew King, Gary

Moers, Daniel Pierce, Alisa Potter, Royce Read, Daniel White, Micah White, Tamara Williams, Peggy Witt and Jennifer Young.

Graduate inductees were Verlaine MacClements, James Deal, Angela Ruben and Roman Rodriguez.

Tyler businessmen Bill Hartley and Vernon E. Faulconer were inducted as honorary members for their contributions to the business community.

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